Forest Fire-Fighting Centres

2186. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Fire-Fighting Centres in the country running with the assistance of the World Bank are being wind up:

(b) if so, the number of the centres likely to be wind up particularly in Uttar Pradesh and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the directions issued by the Government to State Government with regard to forest fire-fighting equipments and immovable property purchased for the Centre with the aid of World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) to (c). No Forest Fire-Fighting Centres is being run in the country with the assistance of the World Bank.

Coversion of Halts into Stations

2187. DR. P R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert railway - halts into stations; and

(b) if so, the zone-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to convert all halts into flag stations. However, on receipt of specific demand regarding conversion of any particular halt, the proposal is examined and decision taken based on financial viability and traffic justification Decision regarding conversion of following halts into flag stations has been taken:-

Railway	*Name of the halt station*
Eastern	Bisharpara — Kodaliya
Northern	Vivek Vihar, Gotra and Kalwan
North Eastern	Khusalnagar, Dalchhapra, Jalalpur Panwara, Motihari Court, Jaimurtinagar and Dharminiya.

Superfast train between Bombay and Bihar

2188. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the number of trains between Bombay and Bihar or to introduce one superfast train on the route;

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented, and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.